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| b) Independent Claims        | <u>13</u>  | - 3  | = <u>10</u>  | x \$ 78.00              | = \$          | <u>780.00</u>      |
| c) Total Claims              | <u>146</u> | - 20 | = <u>126</u> | x \$ 18.00              | = \$          | <u>2,268.00</u>    |
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